THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NINTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Monday, the 17th December 1956.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI R. MADANAGOPALA NAIDU, A MEMBER OF THE OLD MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I regret to announce to the hon. Members the death of Sri R. Madanagopala Naidu, a former Member of the Old Madras Legislative Council from 1925 to 1926 and again from 1930 to 1936. We express our sorrow at the demise of this Member and I shall convey our sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

II.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I also regret to announce to the House the demise of Sri T. M. Daivasikhamani Achariar, a former Member of this House, on the 18th November 1956 at Karaikudi.

He was a well-known architect, being a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (London) Architecture, and was responsible for the designing of several public buildings the last of which was the Mahatma Gandhi Mandapam at Raj Bhavan, Guindy. He had the privilege of giving evidence before the Indian Industrial Commission, 1917. He was the author of many books in Tamil including the well-known book " *Medai Tamil* " which won the Government of India prize in 1952.

He was a nominated Member of the Council from 1952 to April 1956. He was 76 years of age at the time of his death.

I now move a Condolence Resolution which I request you all to pass unanimously by standing in silence for a few minutes, as a mark of respect.

" That this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri T. M. Daivasikhamani Achariar, a former Member of this House, and conveys its sympathy to the members of the bereaved family."

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for a few minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I shall convey this to the members of the bereaved family.

III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Grants for substitutes appointed in the place of teachers going on earned leave

* 102 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a circular has been issued in Tiruchirappalli East Range that no assessment of grant will be made for substitutes appointed for a month or less in the place of teachers going on earned leave in aided elementary schools in the Range;

(*b*) whether any representations have been received by the Government in the matter; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAN : (*a*) It is a fact that a circular was issued by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tiruchirappalli East Range, to the effect that the posting of substitutes in short vacancies of a month and less should be discouraged and that if appointments were made contrary to these instructions, no grant would be assessed for the substitutes.

(*b*) Yes, Sir, by the District Educational Officer of the district.

(*c*) The circular was not cancelled, as the instructions issued were considered to be only advisory and also because it was felt that such instructions were necessary.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Have the Government made sure that no teacher who desired leave during this interval of 15–16 months since this circular was issued has been affected?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I cannot give a categorical assurance that nobody has been affected. If, however, any specific case is brought to the notice of the Government, we shall look into the matter. After all, the circular is advisory.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Government, therefore, kindly instruct the withdrawal of that circular as it is a peculiar circular which denies certain facilities granted by the Government under the usual leave rules?